(c) Under the Production Sharing Contract, the contractor's proposal for the development programme for the block and investment thereon requires only the approval of Management Committee.

(d) Does not arise in the light of answer at (c).

On the directions of the Government, an independent international consultant to evaluate the capital expenditure for the D6 development project has been engaged by DGH.

Reimbursement of claims to Andhra Pradesh

773. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government for reimbursement of remaining claim worth Rs. 240 crores under its different externally aided projects like A.P. Community Forest Management, Andhra Pradesh Economic Restructuring Plan (APERP), AP Rural Poverty Reduction Project, Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), modernization of Kurnool-Cuddapah (KC) canal etc.;

(b) if so, the details and status thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in making reimbursement to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to make reimbursement against all the claims of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir. No request has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for reimbursement of remaining claims worth Rs. 240 crores under Externally Aided Projects (EAP). During the current financial year, the entire Additional Central Assistance under EAP amounting to Rs. 343.27 crores due to Andhra Pradesh has been released by Ministry of Finance. No claim of Andhra Pradesh Government is pending with Ministry of Finance for release.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Appointment of CMD of Punjab National Bank

774. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased

to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the incumbent appointment as Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Punjab National Bank in May, 2005 was not cleared of vigilance for the previous two years *i.e.,* 2003 and 2004, before his name was cleared for appointment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that such lapses do not happen in fututre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Shri S.C. Gupta took charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), Punjab National Bank on Ist May, 2005. Before his appointment as CMD Punjab National Bank, he was working as CMD Indian Overseas Bank. Prior to his appointment on each of these Banks, clearance from Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) was obtained and nothing adverse was reported against him.